GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for modernisation of railway stations in the country during the current year, year-wise and station-wise;

(b) the target set for modernisation for those railway stations, station-wise;

(c) whether the work initiated for modernisation of railway stations during the last year has been completed;

(d) if not, the details of those stations alongwith the expenditure incurred so far thereon; and

(e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed on those stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e) There are more than 7000 railway stations on Indian Railways. Upgradation/renovation/ modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year, wherever warranted, on condition basis. Information with regard to the zone-wise & station-wise allocation, under the Plan Head `Passenger Amenities`, andthe major modernisation works (each costing above Rs. 50 lakh) in progress, with expenditure incurred so far, and new works approved for the current year at various railway stations, are included in the Works Machinery and Rollling Stock Programme, Part II presented to the Parliament along with the Railway Budget Documents.

While the list of major modernisation works are available as given above, for other passenger amenity works costing below Rs. 50 lakh each, a lumpsum allotment is made to the respective Zonal Railways depending upon the total sums available, progress of works and need for carrying out new works based on their inter-se priorities. In addition, improvements at stations are also done in the course of Doublings, Gauge Conversions and provision of PRS, where warranted. Some improvements are also done in the course of annual repairs and maintenance.

During the current financial year, i.e., 2002-03, Rs. 200 crore have been allocated under the Plan Head `Passenger Amenities`.The total funds allocated and funds allocated under Lumpsum grant, zone-wise is given below (State-wise figures have not been maintained):

(Figures in Rs. 000s)

Railway	Funds for works each costing above Rs. 50 lakh	Funds for works each costing below Rs. 50 lakh	TOTAL FUNDS
Central	133864	106230	240094
Eastern	136602	204194	340796
Northern	116243	119679	235922
North-eastern	13625	184875	198500
Northeast Frontier	75518	121258	196776
Southern	57114	112886	170000
South Central	33323	124377	157700
South Eastern	58330	140430	198760
Western	108497	126805	235302
METRO	19212	6938	26150
TOTAL	752328	1247672	2000000